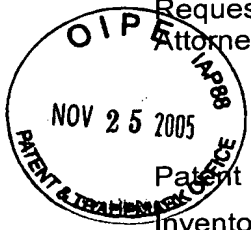


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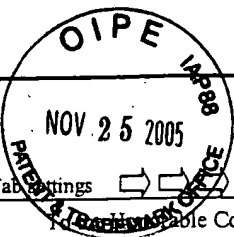
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hereinafter called the "assignees", are desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said application and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration paid to us by said assignees, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby assign, sell, transfer, and set over unto said assignees the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed for the United States and all foreign countries and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States and all foreign countries and all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part, renewals, and/or extensions thereof, said assignees to have and to hold the interests herein assigned to the full ends of the terms of said Letters Patent and any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part, renewals, and/or extensions thereof, respectively, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment not been made.

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Dated: NOV. 29. 2003

Toshio Sato
Toshio SATO

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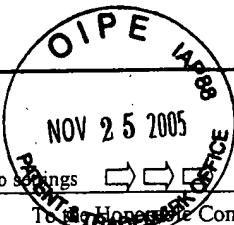
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